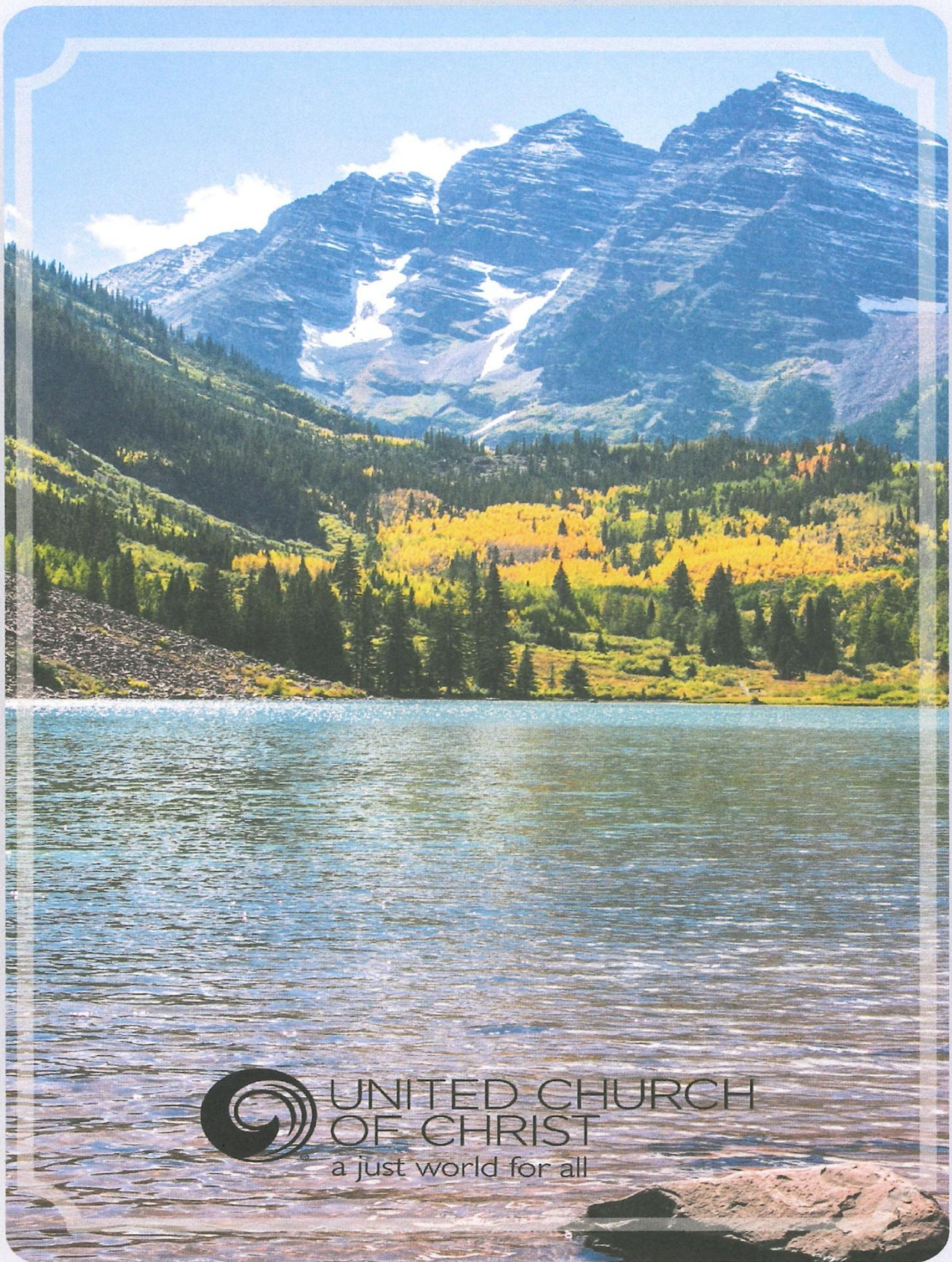


SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REMEMBER, RESTORE, RENEW



UNION CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*We welcome all people to experience God's love,
grow spiritually and engage in meaningful service.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

COMMUNION SUNDAY

September 6, 2026

*Please stand as you are able.

This service is livestreaming. Thank you. ❤️

ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

*When you hear the music, please gather. Be seated and prepare for worship.
Lighting the Candle, we remember God's presence with us.*

PRELUDE

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Words of Welcome & Announcements

INTROIT

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

**Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are, to worship. Come just as you are, before your God.
Come.**

Greeting One Another

***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.***

*Chorus:

***We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love, we have joined our
spirits with the Spirit of God, we are one in the bond of love.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From many different lands we gather on this land, in this place, at
this time.

All: You are with us.

One: God of the earth, the land, the sky; in difficult times, on rocky ground,

when the landscape seems to have changed,

All: we gather to worship.

One: Find us, O God, shaped by the dust grounded in hope and eager to grow.

All: You are with us.

***INVOCATION**

Christ is with us!

Christ is in our midst!

As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Labor Day Prayer

"Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "What a Friend We Have Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer.**

OFFERTORY "Name of the Lord"

***DOXOLOGY** (*Deacons George and Brandon to bring offerings forward.*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that Love has done:

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT**

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

Praise God! Sing to God a new song,

sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their Ruler.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For God takes pleasure in the people;

God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their ruler with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Praise to be God!

Matthew 18:15-20

If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

(All children and youth are welcome to attend the Sunday School Class.)

SERMON

"Remember, Restore, Renew" Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

The gifts of creation are on the table.

The dreams of God are set before us.

Let us give thanks for God's gifts.



At all times, great God, may our grateful hearts give you praise.

Pastor: We remember Jesus – born of Mary, Joseph and God – who was born in Bethlehem and who grew up in Nazareth.

All: We remember that he was a son and a brother, a worker and a friend.

Pastor: We remember Jesus gathered disciples and taught them about a way of peace and justice, of love and blessing.

All: He called it the Kingdom of God.

Pastor: We remember Jesus gathered his friends in an upper room and asked them to love one another as he had loved them. We remember that Jesus said, “Every time you take the bread and break it and every time you bless the cup and drink from it, you are to remember me.”

All: Every time we eat and drink in Jesus’ name, He is present with us and we are indeed one body! As many as we are, we are one in Christ.

Pastor: Now remembering the events of the last week of Jesus’ life – how he entered into Jerusalem in great joy and how he left carrying a cross– we take our place at the table of the Lord’s Supper to bear his sorrows and pledge ourselves to love and serve him. Pour out your Spirit, God, on these gifts of bread and wine that they may signify for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ – our teacher, our friend, and our Savior. May Christ’s loving spirit work through us to serve and renew the world God loves.

All: All glory and honor is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, My God,
have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

R

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. R

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Amen, Amen"

Arr. Aaron Adderley

DEPART TO SERVE



We **WELCOME** each of you to this celebration of worship. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our Guest register in the Narthex. Offering envelopes are found in the pocket on the back of the chairs in the sanctuary for your convenience.

Participating in Today's Service:

Readers

Simone Shah, George Gerson, Vanessa Nuñez

Deacons Assisting

George Gerson

Union's Joys & Prayer Concerns

Joys: All Birthdays in September! Our Church Family! Live Streaming! Chancel Choir! Honoring Labor Day!

Concerns:

Linda Padmore; Jenny, Paula & Kirk's daughter; Sharon Smith; Sam Clark; Zaida's family & friends; Susan Young's family and friends, Jan Mark; Debbie Englert; Dorothy Bates; Linda Padmore; Stephen Spencer: Joan Gerson; Paula & Kirk's daughter-in-law, Melissa; Adderley's mom, Maxine; Lin's mom; Sharon and Donna's family and friends; Phyllis Adderley; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; Linda Harvey; Susan Young's sister, Genie; Kirk Dorhout; Evelyn Chouris; Charlotte Snowden; Renna McGinnis; Beth White's family & friends; Frank Byrd's family & friends; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Borjana's son, Petar; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Rose's daughter, Tyshawna for healing & recovery; Jan Mark's son, Gary; Justice & Peace efforts; grieving, depression and anxiety; all refugees; Ukraine War; Puerto Rico; Haiti; Gun violence everywhere; Environmental concerns; Maui, HI; Florida; Israel conflict; Palestinians; Hurricane victims; Wild fires; Immigrant families; Attack on DEI; Medicaid & Food Assistance Programs; Mass deportations of Immigrants; War In Iran; Cost of Living Increases



**Flowers are presented by John Webster
For Helen & Joseph Webster.**



Sunday School Highlight

Students will consider Jesus' teachings about getting along with others. Today's Sunday School teacher is Rebekah Gay.



God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - 'ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Next month, we will begin our Annual Stewardship Campaign. It will begin October 4th and we will Celebrate on November 22nd. Stay tuned for more details!



The Name of the Lord

Unison

F Fmaj7 Bb/F

1 Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;
 2 Glo-ry to the name of the Lord, Glo-ry to the name of the Lord;
 3 Ho-ly is the name of the Lord, Ho-ly is the name of the Lord;

C/F F F/A Bb C Bb/C C

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord Most High!
 Glo-ry to the name of the Lord Most High!
 Ho-ly is the name of the Lord Most High!

Bb/C F Fmaj7 Bb/F

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;
 Glo-ry to the name of the Lord, Glo-ry to the name of the Lord;
 Ho-ly is the name of the Lord, Ho-ly is the name of the Lord;

C/F F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord Most High!
 Glo-ry to the name of the Lord Most High!
 Ho-ly is the name of the Lord Most High!

Bb/F F F Bb/F

The name of the Lord is a strong tow-

F Gm/F F C C7sus

- er; the right-eous run in - to it,

F Bb/F F Bb/F

and they are saved. The name of the Lord is

F Gm/F F

a strong tow - er; the right-eous run in -

C C7sus F Bb/F F

- to it, and they are saved.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We are excited to share that Union's Food Pantry is transitioning to a team-based approach. This new model will allow volunteers to share responsibilities, work together more effectively, and ensure the pantry continues to serve our community with care and compassion. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. A sign-up sheet is on the soundboard for baggers and shoppers for the month of September.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



**Welcome
New Members!**

We are inviting returning guests to be part of Union's church family. All who are interested in becoming a member of the church, please see Pastor Sheila or a deacon.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

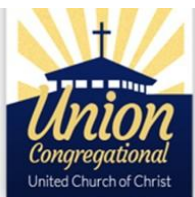
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry
 I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

UNION'S KIDS SERVING GOD!!

Please take a moment to fill out the Union's Kids Serving God form located on the soundboard. There are a variety of Ministry opportunities for our students to consider. Please turn in the form by today, Sunday, September 6, 2026.



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Go to **www.unionucc.net** to see more of our news.

Office Hours are: Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

THIS WEEK AT UNION UCC

Sunday, September 6, 2026 Communion Sunday!

10:00 AM - Worship / Sunday School – (Live Streaming Worship)

11:15 AM – Fellowship - All are welcome!

11:45 AM – Youth “Rap” Session

12:15 PM – Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday - Friday – The Prayer Room is Open!

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Open during office hours!

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:00 AM - Worship / Sunday School – (Live Streaming Worship)

11:15 AM – Fellowship - All are welcome!

12:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal



**JUST
PEACE**
SUNDAY 9.20.2026

**God's Economy:
People Over Profit**

*"I choose to give to this last the same as I
give to you... The last will be first, and the
first will be last." Matthew 20:14-16*



VOTER EDUCATION

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 11:30am
League of Women Voters
Palm Beach County Presentation

A representative from the League of Women Voters will be providing a presentation in Fellowship Hall titled, **“Our Decision 2026: The Amendments on the Ballot”** to explain the three constitutional amendments appearing on Florida’s November 2026 ballot. The presentation will last approximately 30 minutes. Grab a bite and prepare to listen.

Remember, Restore, Renew *Faith Formation Sunday*

God's people have been through so much. After generations of slavery, they too have undergone the plagues that tormented all of Egypt. Now, God's people are given an opportunity to mark themselves as God's own ones by placing a sign, a mark on the door. The mark they place means not only that they belong to God. It also means that they are prepared to move on, out of the place they and their ancestors have lived for so long. By placing the mark on the door, they indicate that they are ready to move forward into freedom, and a new relationship with God.

Doorways are not a place to linger. On the threshold, the invitation is to pass from one space to another. On this Faith Formation Sunday, what mark are you placing on the doorways of your heart and mind? What sign are you giving to God that you are ready to move forward into a new life?

Faith Formation, the willingness to be educated and grow into our faith, is often focused on children. Many adults seem to believe that they already know everything they need to know in order to live out their faith. But the invitation of Faith Formation Sunday is for everyone who is willing to make a step forward and out, and a step into the freedom and new life which comes from knowing and following God.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, Faith Formation is a door available for you to walk through. Are you a person who never learned the stories of the Bible and your ancestors of faith, or never wrestled with how you might bring the practices of our faith into your daily lives? Or, are you someone who has many years of Sunday School under your belt?

If you are either of those, or somewhere in between, listen to God's call and invitation. Today, put a mark on the door of your heart, a sign to God that you are ready. And then, open the door and step through. Whether teaching a class or taking one, whether studying with a couple of companions or a couple dozen, take the opportunity of this day to step out, into the adventure of learning, growth, and freedom in God that awaits.